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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 1/29/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT

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On January 29, 1964, individuals connected with the President's Commission, including Melvin Eisenberg, again reviewed the Zapruder film as well as the Nix film. Numerous questions were asked by staff members of the President's Commission. Bureau representatives, including Messrs. Gauthier and Malley, were present during the review of the films.

Mr. Eisenberg, who appears to be the principal member of the staff interested in the exact locations of where the shots were fired, indicated that the staff of the President's Commission were all in agreement concerning the locations that had now been established based on the viewing of the Zapruder film. However, he stated that when comparing the Zapruder film with the film taken by Nix, there were certain objects which could not be reconciled, particularly at the point where it was believed the third shot was fired. Mr. Eisenberg pointed out that it was not a matter of questioning the measurements taken by either the Bureau or the Secret Service of the models that had been made, but rather to try and resolve the exact circumstances under which the Nix film was taken so that there would be no possibility of allegations being made at a later date that the facts concerning the shooting were different than the President's Commission arrives at as being the correct situation.

At the present time the Dallas Office is obtaining the Nix camera for complete examination by the Bureau Laboratory so that shutter speed and other necessary items can be completely taken into consideration. After this is done Mr. Eisenberg desired that the Laboratory technician who makes this examination discuss the matter with him in order that a determination can be made as to whether any additional work will be necessary. At the present time Mr. Eisenberg is of the opinion that it will be necessary to make further examinations on site in Dallas in an attempt to determine the exact location from which Nix took his pictures.

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Re: President's Commission

Mr. Eisenberg indicated that if it becomes necessary to conduct further on-site inspections in Dallas, he would appreciate it if Secret Service Agent John J. Hollett and the Bureau representative would handle this matter together inasmuch as both agencies have been most helpful in their discussions with the Commission and both are thoroughly familiar with the item now to be resolved - namely, the ascertaining of the spot on which Nix took his film.

Mr. Eisenberg commented that the models prepared by the Bureau had been extremely helpful and that without them it would have been impossible for the Commission to have made any conclusions of any kind concerning the locations where the shots were fired.

ACTION:

As soon as the Laboratory examination of the Nix camera is completed, Mr. Eisenberg will be contacted to determine what further assistance is required on the part of the Bureau.

OK but it looks to me as if they are "playing games"